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Learning, Achievement, Faith & Fun!

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HOPE IS OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE IN FOCUS.

"Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality." Jonas Salk.

Dear Parents and Friends,



WHAT'S THE CRIME, MR WOLF?

For this year's Summer Production, we visited a nursery rhyme themed world in which Mr Wolf was on trial for crimes against the woodland folk – Little Red, the Three Little Wolves and any creature both small and edible. Providing evidence for the prosecution or defence were characters such as 'the Mole' (secret agent), Granny and Hugh Mann. The audience – predominantly parents but also past pupils, governors and ex-members of staff – formed the jury, with the play providing alternative endings according to how they voted with their flashcards.

Taking the main parts were this year's Year 6. They certainly reminded us all of how it should be done. Confident, articulate, measured and fun - all characteristics that we hope to impart in this, the last 'big' event before the Leaver's Service.

Musically, all the juniors have set a very high standard for future productions. The singing was sophisticated, with many solos and frequent singing in parts. The audience were wowed! Well done to you all, and the staff who make the magic happen.

I hope to release a version of the play edited from 5 different cameras over the summer. I will let you know via Class Dojo when it's ready. I'm making no charge this year, but anyone wanting to make a donation towards a revitalising our library (non-fiction books or money for shelving) please contact the school office.

£5,400!

**Five Thousand, four hundred reasons to say
"Thank you!"
to FONNS and the Music Festival volunteers!!**

The committee write...

"Thank you to everyone who helped make th festival a success.

Without your help we would not have been able to raise this total. The ultimate reason we raise funds is for the children to benefit from amazing experiences within school."

Staff are beginning to work on a new 'wishlist' and you can also provide ideas here –

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/wishlist>

LEAVERS' SERVICE

As previously noted, the Leaver's Service takes place in St Martin's Church from 1:30 on the last day of term, Tuesday 19th. All children attend this 'sending off' and all parents and friends are welcome too.

Year 6 will need their old white tops for signing, a smart top for the service, plus a few surprise 'extras'.

OUTGOING YEAR 6 LEAVERS – TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2022 - SAVE THE DATE!

We hope to re-establish our 'FEED-BACK' event, where ALL our current year 6s are invited back for catching up, sharing news of our different secondary schools and eating mince pies (or similar). Starting at around 4:00 (or as soon as you can get here), to around 5:30 please.

Look out for the letter explaining how pupils, and separately parents, can complete our 'Exit' questionnaires and provide feedback on the past seven years!

READING INITIATIVE

Don't forget our reading incentive scheme. Please ask if you've mislaid your reading activity grid and the letter which explained this in more detail.

BOOK REVIEWS

Looking for a recommendation? We have hundreds of books reviewed by North Nibley children here - <http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/book-review-index/> and I LOVE reading your reviews! Please use the web address above to get started.

The Great Western Air Ambulance charity was chosen by the school for a dressing up day – **MONDAY 18th JULY**. Council are asking that children attend school dressed as something beginning with the letter A (for Air Ambulance) or H (for Helicopter). **DEFINITELY H!**

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NIBLEY GREEN

Our regular series on the actions we can take to ensure that our children - and their children - enjoy a better world. Here are some practical tips and ideas you may want to think about at home. Discuss these with your children too!

STOP THE CLOCK

I leave my microwave unplugged until I need it. I plug it in and key in the minutes required. Does yours do that? It's a great way of saving energy and costs. (Some models require the clock to be set first, which is an unnecessary 'feature'. Shop wisely!)

Send me your tips for this regular item - newsletter@northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk

NIBLEY NIBBLES!

Thank you for supporting the children and raising funds which will, in due course, bring down the cost of the London Residential (2023!) Altogether, you raised

£417.74!

PLEASE HELP

We have children in tears, children 'mistaken' and children telling lies, over toys, trinkets and possessions brought into school. "It's mine!" "No, it's mine." "I've got one of those..." Such problems are near-impossible to solve, time consuming and upsetting. Please don't allow unnecessary and distracting items to accompany your children into school.

LEARNING CONTINUES...

National SATS figures released last week tell us that the number of children reaching the expected standard has fallen by around 7 to 9% per subject - **AND NORTH NIBLEY IS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT!**

We estimate that across Y2 to Y6, six children are not yet where they should be in Reading, nine in Writing and five in Maths. As previously mentioned, we have secured access to Doodle Maths – and also now Doodle Spelling – for every child over the summer. I have recommended that many children (if not all) use these programmes to keep their skills sharp over the summer and prepare for what's coming. Watch out for the letter.

THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL NEWSLETTER / REPORT

This should be with you shortly. Please read it and lend your support to these volunteers and their valuable work.

THANK YOU TO...

our 3 students on work placement, Sylvie, Freddy and Albert.

ALSO to Mrs Kirby who marshalled just under 1,000 pieces of paper to compile the reports. We couldn't have managed without you!

DIARY DATES

Dates for 2022-2023 have been posted here , plus VERY DRAFT DATES for 2023 – 24, and 2024 – 25!

<http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk/term-dates/>

	First pupil day	Last pupil day
Term 6	Mon 6 th June	Tues 19 th July
Term 1	Tues 6 th Sept	Fri 21 st Oct
Term 2	Tues 1 st Nov	Fri 16 th Dec
Term 3	Weds 4 th Jan 2023	Fri 17 th Feb 2023
Term 4	Mon 27 th Feb	Fri 31 st March
Term 5	Mon 17 th April	Fri 26 th May

SO IT'S GOODBYE FROM ME...

That's it from me for another school year. Highs, lows and life in all it's fullness! See you at the Leaver's Service (all invited – see above) and if not, have a great summer.

Mr B and the staff team.



BBQ, drinks & ice creams will be available to purchase throughout the evening.

SAFETY FIRST This year FONNS have arranged for inflatable fun for the children as a treat. This is a family event - so parents are to stay with their children for the time spent at the BBQ It is your responsibility to watch your children on the inflatables.

FONNS RECIPE BOOK

FONNS have a sample of the fund-raising recipe book available in the office. Do take a look.